

GOSPEL

Lk 9:11-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

They all ate and were filled.

Jesus made the crowds welcome and talked to them about the kingdom of God; and he cured those who were in need of healing. It was late afternoon when the Twelve came to him and said, 'Send the people away, and they can go to the villages and farms round about to find lodging and food; for we are in a lonely place here.' He replied, 'Give them something to eat yourselves.' But they said, 'We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we are to go ourselves and buy food for all these people.' For there were about five thousand men. But he said to his disciples, 'Get them to sit down in parties of about fifty.' They did so and made them all sit down. Then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven, and said the blessing over them; then he broke them and handed them to his disciples to distribute among the crowd. They all ate as much as they wanted, and when the scraps remaining were collected they filled twelve baskets.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.



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Breaking Open the Word

'GIVE THEM YOURSELVES TO EAT!'

For today's Feast we return to the Gospel of Luke. It is about food. The evangelist frequently presents Jesus eating and feasting. In fact, one scholar (Robert Karris) has said that Jesus got himself killed by the way he ate! This is not about the quantity of food or the menu, but the kind of people with whom Jesus ate. The scurrilous and social pariahs were his meal guests, frowned upon by the religious officials.

Today's Gospel is about food, so appropriate for our Feast. While space prevents a full exposé of the story, the disciples see a pastoral problem: they have a hungry crowd before them and want Jesus to deal with it. Jesus responds, 'Give them something to eat yourselves.' This could also be translated 'You give them *yourselves* to eat!'

The disciples lament that they are incapable and have only five loaves and two fish—the average daily size of a meal for a family—for such a large crowd. And how many? 5000 males. Each male representing the head of a household in the Greco-Roman world which would (according to some scholars) have around 50 members. Luke is imagining 250,000 people present, the size of an ancient city!

Jesus gets the disciples to form the crowd into household groups and then, after a eucharistic act of blessing, has the food distributed. It satisfies. This symbolically loaded story affirms the power of the Eucharist for a household-gathering of those seeking nourishment, including ourselves.

Fr Michael Trainor

THE SAVING WORD

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST / C

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FIRST READING

Gen 14:18-20

A reading from the book of Genesis

Melchizedek brought bread and wine.

Melchizedek king of Salem brought bread and wine; he was a priest of God Most High. He pronounced this blessing: 'Blessed be Abraham by God Most High, creator of heaven and earth, and blessed be God Most High for handing over your enemies to you.'

And Abraham gave him a tithe of everything.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 109:1-4. R. v. 4

R. You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.

1. The Lord's revelation to my Master: / 'Sit on my right: / I will put your foes beneath your feet.' **R.**

2. The Lord will send from Zion / your sceptre of power: / rule in the midst of all your foes. **R.**

3. A prince from the day of your birth / on the holy mountains; / from the womb before the daybreak I begot you. **R.**

4. The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change. / 'You are a priest for ever, / a priest like Melchizedek of old.' **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Cor 11:23-26

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming the death of the Lord.

This is what I received from the Lord, and in turn passed on to you: that on the same night that he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it, and he said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this as a memorial of me.' In the same way he took the cup after supper, and said, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me.' Until the



Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming his death.

■ The word of the Lord.

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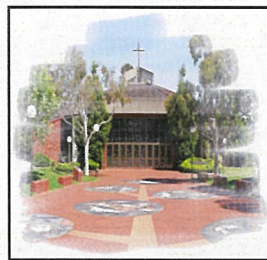
Behold the bread of angels, sent
For pilgrims in their banishment,
The bread for God's true children meant,
That may not unto dogs be given:
Oft in the olden types foreshadowed;
In Isaac on the altar bowed,
And in the ancient paschal food,
And in the manna sent from heaven.

Come then, good shepherd, bread divine,
Still show to us thy mercy sign;
Oh, feed us still, still keep us thine;
So may we see thy glories shine
In fields of immortality;
O thou, the wisest, mightiest, best,
Our present food, our future rest,
Come, make us each thy chosen guest,
Co-heirs of thine, and comrades blest
With saints whose dwelling is with thee.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

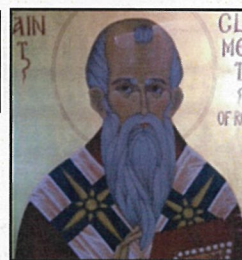
Jn 6:51-52

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!



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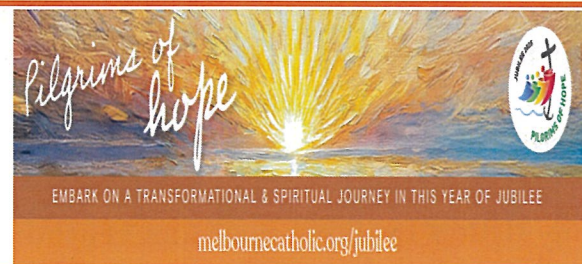
JUBILEE 2025—PILGRIMS OF HOPE

Welcome to St Clement of Rome as we celebrate The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
Today's theme is : They all ate and were filled
We invite you to reflect on this theme throughout the Mass



MELBOURNE CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

*This Sunday, begins after 11am Mass at
St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne
Concluding at Federation Square
Communities are invited to bring their banners.*



Australian Catholic Youth Festival Melbourne 2025

Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) is a national gathering of Catholic young people established by the Australian Bishops more than ten years ago. Run over three days, the Festival provides young people from all across Australia with the opportunity to come together to connect, deepen their relationship with Jesus, be empowered to live their faith in the world and experience the breadth of the Church in Australia. The Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne is excited to be hosting ACYF from 30 November – 2 December 2025 and is looking forward to welcoming thousands of young people to Melbourne. For more information and updates, please visit the festival website www.acyf.org.au



MISSIONARIES OF HOPE
among all peoples

We would like to thank you for your generosity supporting the Church in Zambia and missionaries like Sr Jane and Kayula.

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MASS TIMES, RECONCILIATION & OTHER SACRAMENTS

Mass Times: Sat 5:30pm (*Vigil*), Sun - 9am & 11am (*Italian*)
Tues 9:15am (*Italian*), Wed-Fri 9:15am (unless informed)

Reconciliation: Sat 5:00pm (and on request)

Baptisms: 1st & 3rd weekend every month. **Weddings:** By Appointment

PARISH DIARY

Sun 22nd June @ 9am—Mass
Sun 22nd June @ 11am—Italian Mass
Tue 24th June @ 9.15am—no Italian Mass
Wed 25th June @ 9.15am—Mass
Thurs 26th June @ 9.15am—Mass
Fri 27th June @ 9.15am—School Mass
Sat 28th June @ 5pm —Reconciliation followed by Mass

Recent Deaths & Death Anniversaries

*We pray for those who have died recently,
Eliana Carmona, Giovanna Gandolfo, Vittorio Bisetto, Adolfo Morandin, and for the repose of the souls of Biagio Failla and all those, whose anniversaries occur at about this time. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

ASRE—Sacrament of Confirmation 2025

We are pleased to announce that the class dates for the Sacrament of Confirmation have been scheduled. Please see the dates listed below. Enrolment forms can be downloaded from our website. We encourage you to complete and email your forms as soon as possible to secure your place in the program.

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Saturday 2 nd August	9.00-10.15am	ASRE Confirmation 1
Saturday 9 th August	9.00-10.15am	ASRE Confirmation 2
Saturday 16 th August	9.00-10.15am	ASRE Confirmation 3
Saturday 23 rd August	9.00-10.15am	ASRE Confirmation 4
Saturday 30 th August	9.00-10.15am	ASRE Confirmation 5
Saturday 6 th September	9.00-10.15am	ASRE Confirmation 6 including Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) 10am
Friday 10 th October	6.00pm	Sacrament of Confirmation

Peter's Pence collection

Will be taken up next weekend. We appreciate your kind donations.

Memorial Wall Plaques

If you are considering honouring a deceased loved one, within our faith community, we invite you to add their name to our parish Memorial Wall. Please contact the parish office for more information about having a plaque made.



New Ways of Giving

To Support our Church with ease, we've introduced a new EFTPOS terminal. This is an easy and secure way to donate, but please note that it is not an alternative to your regular stewardship envelopes.

You can also donate by scanning this QR code with your phone camera.
Thank you for your generosity!



LITURGY ROSTER SAT 5.30PM SUN 9.00AM

		SAT 5.30PM	SUN 9.00AM
21/ 22 June	Sacristan	Sue De Bortoli	Livia Tunggal
	Commentator	Jacinta Zieba	Christine Landsberg
	Reader	Rene De La Cruz	Tim Landsberg
	Special Ministers	Enza Wilcocks	Shirley Pyndiah
		Warwick Wright	Grace Cannatelli
		Virginie Mindiel	Rita Gagliardi

28/29 June	Sacristan	Sue De Bortoli	Livia Tunggal
	Commentator	Rene De La Cruz	Tim Landsberg
	Reader	Paul Sammut	Jan Mc Queen
	Special Ministers	Zina Scalzo	Agnes Lu
	Sacristan	May Teh	Maria Papalia
		Martin Teh	Shirley Pyndiah

ROSTER—ITALIAN MASS 11AM

DATE	LETTORI	OFFERTORIO	MINISTRI DELL' EUCHARISTIA
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Come Away Day June 25th

The theme of our next 'Come Away' is Encountering the Spirit of Winter as a **season of growth**. Our day begins with a cuppa at 9.30am with the formal part of the day beginning at 10.00am. Please bring your own lunch. Tea and Coffee will be available. You are invited to contribute \$30 to support this ministry at Holy Cross. The day will end with Eucharist and departure at 2.30pm It is helpful to know the expected numbers so that we can have handouts ready so please E-Mail Sr Brigid on bridget.m64@gmail.com
All are welcome

**We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people, the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand.
We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently on this land.**